



# HELMDON PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES

Of a meeting of the planning committee held in the Reading Room,  
Church Street, Helmdon on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 8.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs Duncombe, Garner, Coatsworth, Hart and Vicars

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Adhemar (prior engagement)

**2. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**3. Open forum**

One member of the public, the applicant for and resident of 55b Church Street, was in attendance.

**4. Approval and signature of meeting minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2016 were approved and signed by Cllr Duncombe

**5. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the above minutes

**6. To consider the following planning applications**

**Application S/2016/1602/FUL**

**Single storey rear extension – 55b Church Street, Helmdon**

Cllrs Duncombe and Garner stated that they had visited the site and spoken with the applicant.

The committee considered the information contained in the documents together with a letter received from the applicants. It was noted and confirmed by the applicant that the foundations for the proposed extension are within the root protection area (RPA) of the protected tree on immediately adjacent land. The applicant stated that advice had been sought from SNC planners who had made an inspection visit and a report was awaited.

After some further discussion, the committee agreed to support the application with the recommendation that protective arrangements for the RPA during construction of the existing dwelling should be repeated as a condition of approval of the application

**Application S/2016/1512/FUL**

**Two storey extension – Buchanan House, 77b Wappenham Road, Helmdon**

The committee reviewed the details included in the documentation and drawings and after some discussion resolved to support the application

**Application S/2016/1614/FUL  
Single storey rear extension – 49 Station Road, Helmdon**

The committee reviewed the details included in the documentation and drawings and after some discussion resolved to support the application.

**Application S/2016/1612/MAF  
Erection of stable block, arena and use of land for grazing of horses plus new gated access – Astwell Park Farm, Astwell Road, Helmdon**

The precise location for the application was not immediately clear but once this was clarified by close inspection of the drawings provided, the committee resolves after some further discussion to support the application.

**7 Councillor questions**

Whilst noting that none of the planning applications considered to date by the committee resulted in community infrastructure levy (CIL), Cllr Garner suggested that it would be prudent for the potential use of any such funds to be considered in the near future. It was agreed that this would be considered by the planning committee for presentation to the parish council in the near future. Cllr Duncombe noted that the hedge seemed to have been moved from the front of the new house adjacent to the former village shop in Station Road and removing protection between different levels of land and creating a potential hazard. Cllr Hart agreed to investigate and report back to the committee

**Action: Cllr Hart**

**8 Close**

There being no further business, Cllr Duncombe declared the meeting closed at 8:40 pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr Paul Duncombe  
Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_